

## How to Control Poultry Varments

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Each year chicks are killed and eaten by various kinds of varmints. These losses, if not checked will make serious inroads on the profits. Of all the most harmful pests, no doubt the rat heads the list especially in some sections of Texas.

**RATS:** Rats kill considerable numbers of small chicks. To control them is quite a problem because they sometimes come from neighboring places after all have been killed out on the place. The first thing to do is to destroy the breeding places. Clean up around the place. Replenish all lumber piles and raise them from the ground so that the rats cannot harbor beneath. All buildings that are not on concrete foundations should be blocked up from the ground about 10 to 15 inches so the cats and dogs may go underneath. Permanent buildings should be placed on concrete foundations and floors. Portable buildings should be blocked up from the ground. Rats not only kill chicks but consume large quantities of feed grains and mash. Several ways of killing rats have proven fairly successful. We have found that a few good cats will keep down the rats. Traps may also be used to advantage but they should be located where the chickens cannot get into them. Suspend the trap after a rat has been caught in it. Several good traps are on the market. Home-made traps may also be used to advantage. Rat poison is also very satisfactory but unless extraordinary precautions are taken, the chickens, cat or dog may get some of the poison. It is generally best for one person to place the poison out and then to gather it in again the next morning. Poison must be handled very carefully. It may be purchased at any local drug store.

**CROWS AND HAWKS:** In some sections of the state, crows are a great pest and destroy thousands of growing chicks. We have found the intelligent use of a shot gun

one of the best ways for controlling crows. It is a good idea to shoot at them every time one comes near even though too far away to be killed. It is especially important to do this before they have started killing and eating the chickens. Shooting has a tendency to frighten crows and hawks away. Another good way of keeping hawks and crows from bothering the chickens is to place a trap on a pole elevated 10 to 15 feet above the ground to which bait has been added in order to catch the bird. After being caught, the dead bird should be allowed to remain in the trap on the pole.

We have also found a teaspoonful of muscilage and mixing it with a small amount of strychnine, placing it on top of the head of a small (preferably a white) chick is a good way to kill hawks, etc. Place the chick in an out of the way place from the house where the crows and hawks are apt to find it.

**STRANGE DOGS AND CATS:** Dogs and cats sometimes start eating chickens. The best family cat may be the guilty culprit. If they are especially valuable, confine them until the chicks are a good size. In the case of dogs, muzzle or chain them. In case of strange dogs or cats, forget your conscience and take good aim with a shot gun. We have found it necessary to do this on several different occasions and have never regretted the fact. One time we found 35 partly eaten grown chickens dead in an orchard, scattered about in all directions. Careful watching showed up the culprit and we did the rest. In case of a valuable dog, we recommend notifying the owner of the first offense. The second offense would make a clean out of a blooded dog.

**OWLS (Great Horned):** Owls have a tendency to kill chickens. One night to make sure we tied a chicken to a stake and about midnight saw an owl swoop down and proceed to kill the chicken until he was shot at. Owls have a tendency to eat the head and neck. In that case, we recommend keeping the chickens confined at night. The great horned owl should not be confused with the smaller owls that are beneficial. The great horned owl will destroy many of the small game birds and animals. Owls may be trapped by locating traps as previously described on a pole. The only objection is that the smaller owls may be caught. It may be best to keep the chickens confined.

**SNAKES:** Chickens eating snakes sometimes make serious inroads on the small chickens. About the only thing to do is to kill the snake. Look under the coop, boxes or boards. Tall weeds also sometimes hide these large snakes.

**THIEVES:** Thieves cannot be classed as varmints. We believe it pays to invest in padlocks and keep the hen houses locked at night. Better do it now, only to put it off and regret it later. Copyrighted, F. W. Kazmeier, 1922

### THE CLAUENE ITEMS OF THE PAST WEEK

Now, if my words are run together, you may know it is because they are just about dissolved. We've had so much rain, but so far we have been very fortunate in not having any hail to ruin the crops.

Bill Murray, Ullis King and Weldon Teague made an intended business trip to Lubbock Tuesday. But their business trip was only a sight seeing trip as they found practically every business house closed on account of it being Memorial Day. A ninety-mile trip, for only sight seeing, at the present cost of gasoline is expensive.

T. C. Swafford made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Wesley Teague spent Tuesday night with Annie Lou Thorp.

Mrs. Gentry Murray and daughter, Justine, spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. R. Teague and children.

Mrs. Lillie Swafford and children called on Mrs. White Friday.

Messrs. George and Leonard Thorp transacted business in Mendon Friday.

Messdames J. L. Thorp, Pearl Thorp and Mrs. Wesley Williams were calling on Mrs. Havens Thursday.

Fred Reeves sustained quite an injury to his neck while playing ball the other day. He was running backwards to catch a fly ball when he fell on his head receiving such an injury as rendered him unconscious for several hours.

Messrs. King and White were Brownfield visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams spent last Tuesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thorp.

Bob Slaughter, one of the owners of the Slaughter ranch, and Edd Green who is foreman of the same ranch passed through our village Saturday.

Mr. Saddler of the Dr. Dean ranch called on the Clauene barbers Friday.

Charlie Forcus was taken to the Doctor at Brownfield Monday to have his hand dressed, which he had gotten badly burned.

Mr. Nickell's family visited the family of J. L. Thorp Monday.

Mr. Thorp and Wesley Williams were gone several days on a business trip to Slaton. They returned Sunday night. They report quite a hail storm in the section through which they passed. They say that cotton was ruined by the hail.

Clay Walker, Earl Nickell and Annie Lou Thorp took Sunday dinner at Prof. Teague's house.

Mr. (Scoops) Cosby and a banker of Wichita Falls, were looking over this section Wednesday. Mr. Cosby sold a labor of land here, to Mr. Teague. Mr. Cosby also reports twelve families moving in to our community this fall.

Prof. Teague closed a very successful term of school Friday. He says that only one pupil, who went the full term failed to make their grade.

Walter Bailey of Mills, and Roy Bailey, of Brownfield, were to see Mr. White Sunday. The Bailey brothers were competitors of Mr. White's in cotton buying last fall. Both men are full of praise for the Moody land.

Weldon Teague, who took an automobile course this winter thru a correspondence school has just received a statement telling him he had passed a successful final examination. He will soon receive his diploma. During the whole course Weldon never received a grade below 95. His general average was 98 percent.

**LAMESA CHAMBER TO NAME OFFICERS**

Lamesa, June 5.—The Lamesa Chamber of Commerce will hold an open meeting Thursday night on the ground purchased for a park. A basket supper will be served, a program rendered and officers and directors elected. The Civic League will render part of the program. Out-of-town speakers have been secured.

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### CARLISLE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Brother Tennyson preached two interesting sermons Saturday night and Sunday morning. The subject Saturday night was "Courage." Sunday morning "Will A Man Rob God." Sunday evening he was to preach on "Leading Men to Christ" but on account of another cloud-burst, did not get to hold it.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Casey of Caldwell, spent Saturday night with her uncle, Mr. Bill Casey.

Miss Octa Ray spent Friday night with Miss Thelma Hinson.

Mrs. C. H. Jerden spent Monday in the Hinson home.

Miss Opal Burroughs spent the week end with Mrs. Coffey.

Mr. Oscar Waltman, wife and baby of Woodrow, spent Sunday in the W. L. Altman home.

Misses Thelma Hinson, Octa Ray and Messrs. J. W. Williamson and L. J. Sims, motored to the Boyd ranch Sunday.

Ona Ray, Jewell Moon, and Carl Ray and Joe Moon, spent Sunday night in the Wood home.

Mr. B. W. Casey and family, spent Sunday with his brother, John Casey in the Caldwell community.

Miss Thelma Hinson spent Saturday with Miss Octa Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Esco Casey spent Thursday night in the Hember home.

Mr. J. W. Willingham spent Sunday night in the Pevehouse home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bevell, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Thompson and three small children, of Canyon, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaither of Lubbock, spent a while Sunday afternoon in the Hinson home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jerden, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Guin, Jr., were dinner guests at the home of H. H. Guin, Sr. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Casey and J. A. Burroughs spent Thursday night in the Bush home.

Miss Ted and Mr. Tommie Sims spent Saturday night in the Coffey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Price and children, spent Saturday night with relatives in the Idalou community.

Beauford Ditts spent Friday night with Hamill Hinson.

Lorraine Hinson spent Friday night with Carl Ray.

Messrs. Prentiss and Sterling Jerden, Lorraine Hinson and Max Brownlee spent Saturday with Mr. Evert Ray.

## HUPMOBILE DEALER WANTED IN THIS TOWN

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night with Miss Opal Burroughs.

Mrs. Clifford Bond and baby, spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bond.

Miss Octa Ray left Tuesday for Canyon, to attend the Summer Normal.

Mr. DeShazo returned Thursday from Snyder, where he had been called to the death-bed of his father.

Mr. Johnnie Heffington spent Sunday night in the Bond home.

Mrs. Esco Casey was unable to teach school Friday, on account of illness.

Most farmers whom the hail missed Thursday night, were hit Saturday night. Everyone is buying seed to replant as soon as possible.

Melvin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ray, is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. E. L. Sides was operated on in a local sanitarium the first of the week. Her many friends will be glad to learn that the operation was a success from every angle, and she is regaining strength rapidly.

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Wallace Barns, of the Arkansas Cigar Company, of Little Rock, was in Lubbock Wednesday and Thursday transacting business, and visiting his wife. He has many friends in Lubbock who were mighty glad to welcome him home, but who hated to see him cut the visit so short. Everything in the "City of Roses" is going along fine and dandy, with the businessmen enjoying good patronage, as conditions were enlightened there considerably within the past few months.